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failure to grant such a continuance would deny the defense the time necessary for effective preparation, taking into account the exercise of due diligence.

The parties request that the date of October 22, 2007 at 1:30pm be set for status of Mr. Saez, and that the date of September 24, 2007, currently set, be vacated for the reasons set forth below.

The parties stipulate and request that the Court find the following as a factual basis for excluding the time pursuant to the Speedy Trial Act:

- **(1)** Parties request additional time to effectively prepare and investigate the facts surrounding this matter.
- **(2)** Defense counsel Mary Conn is out of town and unavailable on September 24, 2007.
- **(3)** In addition, the government is in the process of preparing and providing discovery in this case. An exclusion of time is necessary to afford the government time to complete the discovery process and to permit the defense to adequately assess the discovery and make informed decisions regarding any possible trial in this case.

For these reasons, the parties agree that a continuance is necessary to ensure that counsel is available and prepared to make informed decisions regarding the case, and denial of such a continuance would unreasonably deny the defendant effective case preparation pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3161 (h)(8)(A) and 3161(h)(B)(iv).

Dated: September 19, 2007

Respectfully submitted, MARY E. CONN & ASSOCIATES

/s/ Mary Elizabeth Conn, Attorney for Defendant Ricardo Saez

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JAMES WARE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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